

Daily News Letter

Gossip of Staff Correspondents at World Centers of Population

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LONDON, Dec. 29.—Everybody is tired of Democracy," says George Bernard Shaw, who declares that the world is always traveling in a vicious circle and is now again tending towards a period of tyranny.

"We have arrived at a strange point in the history of Europe," Shaw says. "Consider the teachings of history. First oligarchy, then democracy, then tyranny, then a threat of the break-up of civilization. Then, again, oligarchy, and democracy, and tyranny, combined with a large proletariat maintained by doles. The vicious circle is coming around again. Women got the vote, and the immediate result was the disastrous election in 1918."

"What are we going to do about it all? Can we avoid these intolerable collisions? Can we get a good government by the system of democracy? Somebody once described democracy as 'government of the people, by the people, for the people.' That is all nonsense. To talk of the people making their own laws is as preposterous as talking of the people writing their own plays, which nobody would go to see."

"People don't want to be governed. The reason why we are slaves in this country is because we are so desperately determined to get rid of the government which is necessary to preserve our freedom. A new government is taking hold in Great Britain. Do you think that the people will win? Nine-tenths of the ministry consists of people who know nothing whatever about it. We are again drifting towards an oligarchy, set up for five years. It is not satisfactory. It is no good."

"What is the answer? I can give only one. I don't know."

"I do not believe that democracy, as at present constituted, will endure."

Great Britain is long gone museums and antiques are cherished, but it took the Sunday Express, ardent supporter of Bonar Law, to turn up the history of the most unique of antiques. The Express at some expense discovered the first pair of trousers worn by the Right Hon. Andrew Bonar Law. These trousers, the Express states with an solemnity, have been discovered in St. John, N. B., and are made from a cast-off pair of trousers belonging to the Right Hon. George Bonar Law, minister of the present prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George. The Express says that Bonar is growing tired of democracy, while a new pair of trousers for the first pair of trousers ever worn by an Englishman.

London landlords have frequently raised the ban against children, but now they threaten to extend the ban to radio sets. The St. James's Palace committee recommends that applications from tenants shall specify that the tenants will not install any wireless apparatus. The committee states that it has taken this action on the advice of insurance experts, who charge that amateur radio fittings may cause fire.

Bolshevism is due to bad teeth, at least that is the theory of Major Chapman Huston, one of London's leading men in the dental world. "I have never seen a Bolshevik with other than bad teeth," he said. Proper care of the teeth obviates mental explosions, which cause bolshevism, he said.

"Let no one hear beyond the threshold words uttered here in friendly confidence"—this injunction is printed in old English characters over the inner door of the new town house of Lloyd George, and perhaps it is not at all inappropriate, for in this Chelsea house are numerous meetings and conferences, all with the object of getting Lloyd George back into power. It is probable that Lloyd George will make a lecture trip to America in the spring or summer. His secretaries are making inquiries concerning the possibilities of an American lecture tour. It is whispered that the little Welshman has suddenly awakened to a realization of the ease with which a famous man can extract American dollars, or maybe it is his staff that has made the discovery. At any rate, American audiences may soon have the opportunity of hearing this brilliant and fiery little orator, who is still the idol of England, even though he is out of power.

New York Letter

NEW YORK, Jan.—Artificial Christmas trees have become quite a matter of course, and artificial snow has long been in popular vogue on the stage. But snowflakes made by the hand of man or improved machinery for real snow-coasting purposes are still a novelty. That is what one New York hostess promises for a week-end party at her Long Island home in the near future. Mrs. Henderson, known for her sprightly and expensive entertaining, has asked a crowd down to Villa Marina, her country home, with the promise of sufficient snow for coasting down her hills. If the sky doesn't do what it should in the way of sending the snow, Mrs. Henderson promises that there shall be enough manufactured flakes to slip the sled-runners along, at least.

Mayor Hylan now has a right to sign after his name the impressive sounding suffix of H. J. L. R. F.

A. S. P. F. N. L. That means Honorary President of the League of Equal Rights for All and Special Privileges for None, Inc. It's an anti-Ku-Klux Klan organization.

Those close to David Warfield say that for twenty years he has been working to get ready to play Shylock as he played the part at the opening performance the other night of David Belasco's new production of "The Merchant of Venice." Well, it was worth the twenty years. That is the general verdict of the audience. The play is splendidly cast and the settings and costumes made every one of the twelve scenes a magnificent spectacle. But above everyone and everything towers Warfield as a keenly intellectual Shylock, a man of worth and honor among his own people, but embittered by the malevolence of the contemptuous Christian. It is undoubtedly this great actor's masterpiece.

I wonder how many of us who pass the Park Avenue Hotel every day or so know that the dignified building was built with money left by A. T. Stewart, the great merchant of a past generation, to be used for the establishment of a working girls' hotel in this city. The girls wouldn't go to the hotel after it was built, however, and it became the Park Avenue of today.

"Sisters under the skin" seems to hold true. When Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Sr., lost her handbag the other day, its contents were exactly what might have been found in the handbag of the girl who had been waiting on her on her shopping trip. They were: The card of a furniture dealer, a sample of velvet and a broken mirror.

Westchester county burglars don't believe in shooting only tame rabbits. When they burglarize our weary commuters' homes, they turn around and show their willing sportsmanship by trying something different. Consequently they broke into the office of the police commissioner of White Plains the other night and stole about \$500.

Holiday travel in and out of New York City was heavier this season than it had been in any previous year, according to railroad officials. The demand for sleeping car accommodations necessitated the use of 140 extra pullmans and the departure of thirty extra trains on one railroad three days before Christmas. The Christmas mails were also over 20 per cent heavier than last year. Forty extra mail cars left over one road on Thursday before Christmas.

A perfectly respectable republican club was dazed and amazed the other night when it was raided by a corps of policemen. All that the members could learn from the raiders was that it was the first step in a crusade to stop gambling. The club members admitted that it was worse than a gamble to try being a republican in Manhattan, but did not see how it violated the law. At the police station they found out the trouble. The raid was just two years too late. The club house, 156 West Forty-fourth street, was formerly the home of "Honour John" Kelly's gambling house, and one Charles Meyer has made an affidavit that he lost upwards of \$14,999 at poker there—back in 1929.

CABINET GETS NEW PLAN OF REPARATIONS

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LONDON, Dec. 29.—Premier A. Bonar Law's new reparations plan, reducing the amount of indemnity which Germany shall pay, has been put up to the British cabinet for its approval. It was understood that the plan was approved and that it will be presented at the allied premier's conference in Paris next week with few changes.

The Daily News said it understood that the main outlines of the British proposals were as follows:

1. German indemnity would be scaled down to a figure Germany is able to pay with the most vigorous penalties in the event of default.
2. A moratorium for the next three or four years with reduced payments over a further brief period to assist Germany to recover industrially.
3. Germany to be offered favorable discount arrangements if she meets her obligations promptly.
4. Great Britain to accept German reparations bonds in payment of allied debts, possible cancelling a portion of the debts.
5. France to agree to partial remission of the debts due her from her allies.
6. Fifty billions of gold marks (about \$12,000,000,000) mentioned as probably the total reparations to be required of Germany.

British experts will put the finishing touches on the British plan and the premier will leave for Paris with it Monday. Premier Bonar Law is hopeful there will be a final solution of the indemnity issue before the end of next week. If not the British will either withdraw from continental affairs, leaving France, Belgium and Italy to wrestle with Germany or will seek assistance from the United States. In event of British withdrawal the French would enter the Ruhr district immediately.

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It is a custom with those of us in business to stand on the threshold of a new year and ask ourselves many questions. Naturally, we are always concerned about the proceeds of the year just going out, and about the prospects for the year just coming in.

And first and foremost is the question: How is our stock of good will? We know that if our business is to continue successful, it must do so with the good will of our respective communities.

As we of the Straube Piano & Music Company stand at the portals of 1923 and take stock of our good will, we do so with a sense of gratitude to the people of the Calumet region. We look back upon twenty years—almost a quarter of a century—during which we have had the loyal patronage and confidence of this community. We realize and appreciate that our growth is directly traceable to the good will of the people of Hammond and Lake County. And if we did not feel grateful for this, we should not be worthy of this confidence.

Nineteen twenty-two will be remembered as the year when prosperity and business were restored, and we feel that we are partners with the community in sharing this prosperity.

And with this in mind, it is only fair that we should make a pledge to our patrons at this time, assuring them that we expect to make every effort to remain worthy of their continued confidence.

So to all of you—friends and patrons, we pledge:

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